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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on June 15, 2004 and February 19, 2002, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Notice of Reasons for Rejection that was mailed on February 22, 2005, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-333883, together with an English language translation of the same, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-207330, together with a partial English language translation of the same;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,991,798. Applicants note that this document has already been made of record in the present application by the Examiner;

- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-345164, together with an English language abstract of the same;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-172680, together with an English language abstract of the same;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-288606, together with an English language abstract of the same;
- (6) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0062320; and
- (7) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 209 586.

The relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner are set forth in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent application publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

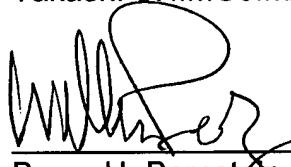
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of documents (1), (3)-(5), and (7) are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection and its English language translation are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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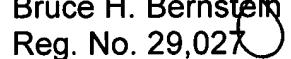
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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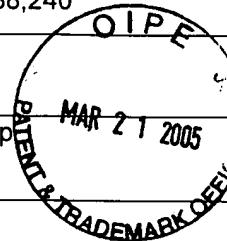


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